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**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

**Notice of Abandonment****Application No.**

10/646,323

**Examiner**

VICTOR BATSON

**Applicant(s)**

SMOLENSKI ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 04 October 2007.
- (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☒ A proposed reply was received on 11/13/2007, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
- (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
- (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.
- The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
- (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

See Continuation Sheet

/Victor Batson/  
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3677

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SPE  
Art Unit: 3677

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Item 7 - Other reasons for holding abandonment: This notice is also in response to the Request for status of Application (Status Inquiry) filed 1/26/2009, 11/25/2008, & 06/06/2008. In the status inquiries, applicant states that he was advised over the telephone by examiner Rodríguez that the application was allowed, however examiner Rodríguez no longer works at the Office. A review of the record does not indicate that an interview took place, that an agreement was reached or that an allowance was indicated. A search & inquiry was made to determine if examiner Rodríguez left any working folders, but none were found. The primary examiner working with examiner Rodríguez was consulted, however he was not aware of an allowance agreement. The final correspondence from examiner Rodríguez was an Advisory Action mailed 12/10/2007 indicating that the proposed amendment filed 11/13/2007 would not be entered because it raised new issues. Therefore, in view of the last correspondence from the Office (Advisory Action filed 12/10/2007), and the fact that applicant's period for reply has expired, the current status of the application is that the application is abandoned.

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	)	Examiner: Victor D. Batson
Serial No. 10/646,323	)	
	)	Group Art Unit 3677
Filed: August 22, 2003	)	
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**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to revive the above application. On April 28, 2010, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed, identifying the abandonment as "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 04 October 2007". Based upon the facts as set forth hereinbelow and supported by the attached Declaration, the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date to the present was unavoidable.

A Final Office Action was issued by Examiner Rodriguez on October 4, 2007.

On October 23, 2007, an in-person interview was conducted between the undersigned and Examiner Rodriguez, as summarized in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, filed on November 7, 2007. (See also paragraph 6, Declaration of John S.

Mortimer, hereinafter identified as "Declaration.") As stated in that Amendment, on page 22:

During the interview, the amendments to claim 1, as presented herein, were discussed. The Examiner agreed that claim 1, as presented herein, patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

On December 10, 2007, an Advisory Action was mailed, identifying the status of all pending claims, and indicating that the November 7, 2007 Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 "will not be entered" for purposes of appeal. It is further indicated that the proposed amendment "raise[s] new issues that would require further consideration and/or search."

As indicated in the attached Declaration, it was the understanding of the undersigned that the Examiner had agreed during the interview that the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 placed the case in condition for allowance (see Declaration, paragraph 6).

Based upon this understanding, the undersigned called the Examiner to clarify why the Examiner had changed from her position at the interview and decided not to allow the application. As indicated in the attached Declaration, the undersigned made a call to Examiner Rodriguez on December 18, 2007, and a further call to Examiner Rodriguez on January 14, 2008 to ask for clarification (see Declaration, paragraph 9). The undersigned followed these calls with calls on January 16, 2008 to each of Examiner Rodriguez and her supervisor (see Declaration, paragraph 9).

On January 17, 2008, the undersigned had separate conferences with Examiner Rodriguez and her supervisor. It was agreed that with some minor

amendments, to be made by the Examiner, the case would be in condition for allowance (see Declaration, paragraph 9).

On April 3, 2008, on the eve of the statutory deadline for filing a response to the October 4, 2007 Final Office Action, the undersigned checked on-line at the PTO website regarding the status of the present application. Since no Notice of Allowance had been posted, on April 3, 2008, the undersigned called Examiner Rodriguez to make certain that the case would be allowed, as promised by the Examiner (see Declaration, paragraph 10).

On April 7, 2008, as a follow-up, the undersigned had a telephone conference with Examiner Rodriguez during which Examiner Rodriguez assured the undersigned that the case would be formally allowed (see Declaration, paragraph 10).

Not having received a Notice of Allowance, a written Status Inquiry was mailed on June 4, 2008. The Status Inquiry confirms that "the undersigned was advised over the telephone by the Examiner that the above application was allowed." No response was ever made in writing or otherwise by the Patent Office to this Status Inquiry in that time frame.

A separate Status Inquiry was filed on November 21, 2008, again noting that the Examiner had indicated over the telephone that the application was allowed and requesting a statement of status. No communication, in writing or otherwise, was received from the Patent Office in that time frame.

On January 20, 2009, a further Status Inquiry was mailed, with no response received from the Patent Office in that time frame.

On April 29, 2009, a voice mail message was left from an Examiner. Per the attached Declaration (paragraph 11), it is the undersigned's recollection that the message was from Examiner Rodriguez. No indication was given that there was any problem with the application.

The undersigned made calls to Examiner Rodriguez's number and left messages to ask the Examiner to clarify status. Separate calls were made on: June 1, 2009; June 25, 2009; July 13, 2009; August 17, 2009; and October 1, 2009 (see Declaration, paragraph 12).

On December 28, 2009, a call was made to one of the Examiner's Supervisors noted in a PTO communication (see Declaration, paragraph 13). The undersigned's recollection is that the Examiner had not been supervising Examiner Rodriguez for some time and could not provide any assistance in the case.

After further inquiry as to the identification of Examiner Rodriguez's supervisor, the undersigned was able to identify Examiner Batson and called Examiner Batson on January 4, 2010 to explain the history of this case and request clarification as to status (see Declaration, paragraph 14).

On March 2, 2010, the undersigned had a discussion with Examiner Batson regarding this case (see Declaration, paragraph 14). It is the undersigned's recollection that at that time Examiner Batson advised the undersigned that Examiner Rodriguez was no longer with the Patent Office. Examiner Batson agreed to do further investigation.

On April 28, 2010, a Notice of Abandonment was sent from Examiner Batson. In the Notice of Abandonment, it is indicated that the Notice responds to the

three earlier Status Inquiries. The Notice of Abandonment indicates in Item 7 that Examiner Batson investigated the history of this case. The Notice of Abandonment further indicates that a review of Examiner Rodriguez's files was conducted. As stated, "A review of the record does not indicate that an interview took place, that an agreement was reached or that an allowance was indicated."

The undersigned recorded in a diary on October 23, 2007 the fact that the interview was conducted by telephone on that date with Examiner Rodriguez. That entry further indicates that an Amendment was submitted to Examiner Rodriguez on that date for preliminary review. This Amendment was ultimately filed on November 7, 2007, and specifically references the interview.

It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned acted reasonably in relying upon Examiner Rodriguez's repeated assurances that, without any further submission on Applicant's part following the November 7, 2007 Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, the application would be formally allowed. All communications from Examiner Rodriguez were consistent that the case would be allowed. Each of the Status Inquiries submitted by the Applicant sets forth the Applicant's understanding that the application would be allowed. None of the status inquiries was responded to until the Notice of Abandonment was mailed by Examiner Batson on April 28, 2010. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed only after the undersigned was able to identify Examiner Batson and obtain his assistance in investigating the history of this case.

Applicant respectfully submits that the facts set forth above clearly demonstrate that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date to the present was unavoidable.



Applicant is submitting herewith a Reply to the October 4, 2007 Final Office Action, which reply includes a Request for Continued Examination and the un-entered Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, filed on November 7, 2007.

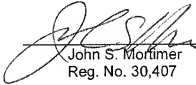
Applicant also encloses the Petition fee of \$540.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

It is respectfully requested that the Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, PHILLIPS, KATZ,  
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By

  
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Dated: May 27, 2010

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**DECLARATION OF JOHN S. MORTIMER**

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Sir:

I, John S. Mortimer, declare that:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of Wood, Phillips, the firm of record in the above identified application.
2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois.
3. I am currently registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
4. I was solely responsible for the prosecution of the above-identified patent application and conducted all pertinent communications with the Patent Office in this matter, including those made in writing and by telephone.
5. It is my practice to record billable activities in a diary on the day that they take place, as I did with actions taken with respect to this matter. Those entries are converted to bills at the end of each calendar month and mailed to clients for payment.

Thirteen pages of billing reflecting activities performed with respect to this matter are appended hereto as Attachment A. These pages are copies of bills sent to the client with hours and dollar amounts redacted. My statements below are based on my best recollection of events as refreshed by viewing these bills.

6. On October 23, 2007, I conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Rodriguez and, at the conclusion thereof, was of the belief that the Examiner was willing to allow the application with certain claim amendments. Following the interview on that same day, I prepared and forwarded an After Final Amendment for preliminary review by the Examiner, as indicated on page 1 of Attachment A. This Amendment incorporated the discussed claim amendments.

7. As indicated in Attachment A on page 2, on November 5, 2007 and November 6, 2007 I had discussions with Examiner Rodriguez regarding the draft Amendment provided to her on October 23, 2007.

8. On November 6, 2007, following the discussions with Examiner Rodriguez, I signed the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, which was actually mailed on November 7, 2007. In that Amendment, in the Remarks portion on page 22, I summarized the conclusions of the telephone communications with Examiner Rodriguez on November 5, November 6, and October 23, 2007, therein indicating that the Examiner had agreed that claim 1, as presented, and thus the remaining rejected claims based thereon, were in allowable form.

9. As indicated in Attachment A on pages 3 and 4, following the Examiner's mailing of an Advisory Action on December 10, 2007, in which Examiner Rodriguez had taken a position inconsistent with that agreed to during the earlier interviews, I called

Examiner Rodriguez to discuss the Advisory Action separately on December 18, 2007 and January 14, January 16, and January 17, 2008. As noted on the January 17, 2008 entry, it was agreed that the Examiner would make some further amendments to place the case in condition for allowance.

10. As indicated in Attachment A on page 5, I made separate calls to Examiner Rodriguez on April 3 and April 7, 2008. The entry on April 7 confirms that the Examiner indicated on that date that the case was to be formally allowed without any further submissions on the applicant's part.

11. In Attachment A on page 6, it is noted that I received a call from an Examiner. My best recollection is that the call was from Examiner Rodriguez, responding to my call, and requesting a return call. The Examiner did not, during this call, or any call on or after October 23, 2007, indicate that the application would not be allowed.

12. In Attachment A, pages 7-10, there are entries evidencing calls made by me to Examiner Rodriguez. Based upon these entries, it is my recollection that on June 1, June 25, July 13, August 17, and October 1, 2009, I left messages at the extension at which I had earlier reached Examiner Rodriguez. I do not recall that Examiner Rodriguez left any personal identification. Rather, I believe that only the extension was identified. While I did leave messages on these dates, no return call was ever made by anyone at the Patent Office.

13. In Attachment A on page 11, an entry is made evidencing that I called to the last known supervisor of Examiner Rodriguez. I do not have any specific recollection of the details of this conversation, but do have a vague recollection that this

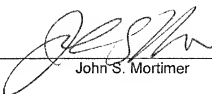
particular Examiner was performing a different role at the Patent Office and could not assist me on this case.

14. As indicated in Attachment A on pages 12 and 13, I ultimately talked with Examiner Batson on at least two different occasions (January 4, 2010 and March 2, 2010) regarding the status of this case. Examiner Batson agreed to assist in finding out what had happened to the case in light of the fact that prosecution had lapsed and I had received no response to any phone calls or written communications regarding status. I recall that Examiner Batson explained to me that Examiner Rodriguez was no longer with the Patent Office and that he would investigate to see whether any files of Examiner Rodriguez were available to shed light on what had transpired in this prosecution. Mr. Batson eventually advised me that he could not determine precisely what had transpired but informed me that a Notice of Abandonment would be mailed because, based upon the paperwork available, it could not be determined what Examiner Rodriguez had represented and thus, in the absence of further information, the application would be abandoned based on the October 4, 2007 Final Office Action, to which no "proper" reply was made.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Declaration this 21<sup>st</sup> day of

May, 2010.

  
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10/10/2007	JSM	Review office action - call to Examiner re interview based on Examiner error.
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10/23/2007	JSM	Review file - conduct interview with Examiner Rodriguez - prepare and forward after Final amendment for preliminary review.
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11/5/2007		
JSM Conference with Examiner regarding amendment.		
11/6/2007		
JSM Field call from Examiner and file amendment.		

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JSM Review Advisory Action and call to Examiner.

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1/14/2008		
JSM Review file - follow up all to Examiner Rodriguez regarding Advisory Action.		
1/16/2008		
JSM Call to Examiner and supervisor regarding status following submission of improper Advisory Action.		
1/17/2008		
JSM Confer with Supervising Examiner regarding status - confer with Examiner Rodriguez - agree to further amendments to place in condition for allowance.		
1/17/2008		
JSM Record Assignment.		

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4/3/2008		
JSM Check file re status - follow up with Examiner regarding promised Notice of Allowance - check on-line re status and call to Examiner.		

4/7/2008		
JSM Conferences with Examiner re case status. Case indicated to be allowed.		

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JSM Field call from Examiner. Check file regarding status.		
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6/1/2009		
JSM Check file and call to Examiner regarding status.		
6/25/2009		
JSM Check file and call to examiner regarding status.		

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